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Security Council

10.30 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Non proliferation

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m.	13th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [8]

Viet Nam

Papua New Guinea

Peru

Egypt

Saudi Arabia

Azerbaijan

Belgium

Syrian Arab Republic

(continued overleaf)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The general debate will continue *today*, 27 September 2008, and will conclude on Monday, 29 September, as agreed by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting on Friday, 19 September 2008.

The list of speakers has been moved from Monday, 29 September 2008 to *today*, 27 September; and from Wednesday, 1 October 2008 to Monday, 29 September. For any inquiries please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

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Oman

Kazakhstan

Algeria

Bahrain

United Arab Emirates

Gambia

Mali

Romania

3 p.m. . . . . 14th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Russian Federation

Tunisia

Hungary

Zambia

Lesotho

Indonesia

Monaco

Greece

Uzbekistan

Togo

Trinidad and Tobago

Niger

Uruguay

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Czech Republic

Malaysia

Announcements

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the general debate (23 September–29 September), the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Saturday, 27 September 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Outside Conference Room 7

12.45 p.m.[1] . . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (following his meeting with the Group of Friends on Myanmar)

[1]Approximately.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 29 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. . . . . 15th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Turkmenistan

Republic of Moldova

Liechtenstein

Singapore

Yemen

Maldives

Jordan

Myanmar

Botswana

Chad

Congo

Ecuador

Côte d'Ivoire

Kyrgyzstan

3 p.m. . . . . 16th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Ireland

Ethiopia

Belize

Nigeria

South Africa

Eritrea

Thailand

Canada

Cambodia

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Djibouti

New Zealand

Belarus

Switzerland

Denmark

Mauritius

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Mauritania

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Sweden

Holy See

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1); organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1); list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the

Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

General debate

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Information on the work of the Third Committee is available at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/third/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to send a fax to the secretariat of the Third Committee with their specific requests (fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management);

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on 6 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-third session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the website of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/sixth/63/63_session.shtml>). The note by the Secretariat on the Organization of Work (A/C.6/63/L.1) and the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/63/1) have been issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations); 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism); and 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 29 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Information sessions for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on Monday, 29 September 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room B, on the outcome of the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the outcome of recent sessions of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and relevant recent developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the outcome of the ninth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 239th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, par. 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Fifth session
Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) (monthly meeting)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Ministerial meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

OIC Open-ended Working Group on United Nations Reform (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

African Group: Sixth Committee Experts

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Ministerial meeting on "Reducing Disaster Risks in a Changing Climate" (hosted by the Secretary-General)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Bilateral contacts on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened by the Coordinator)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations convened by the Chair of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

UNU Emerging Thinking on Global Issues Lecture Series (I): "From Communism to Confucianism: Changing Political Discourses on China's Political Future and its Meaning for the World" (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 4 to 5.30 pm in Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[For more information and to register, please visit the Web site <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press

officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 25 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10th plenary meeting

Address by His Excellency Mr. Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

H.E. Mr. Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. João Bernardo Vieira, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

H.E. Mr. João Bernardo Vieira, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland

H.M. King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

H.E. Mr. José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon

H.E. Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Vice-President of the Republic of the Sudan.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Taro Aso, Prime Minister of Japan.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.H. Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Han Seung-soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.R.H. Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Crown Prince of Brunei Darussalam.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Honourable Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Albert Pintat, Chief of the Government of the Principality of Andorra.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Fiorenzo Stolfi, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Political Affairs and Economic Planning of the Republic of San Marino.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of National Security and Immigration, Minister of Sustainable Development and Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture of Saint-Kitts-and-Nevis.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Friday, 26 September 2008

Security Council

5982nd meeting

Briefing by the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Letter dated 4 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/594)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Alexander Stubb, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

The Council heard a briefing by H.E. Mr. Stubb.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Rama Yade, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Human Rights of France and the representatives of Belgium, the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, Croatia and the Russian Federation.

H.E. Mr. Stubb responded to comments and questions raised.

5983rd meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Letter dated 22 September 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/615)

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Bedouma Alain Yoda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, in his capacity as President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Israel and Saudi Arabia, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 25 September 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2008/623), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority, to participate in the discussion.

Pursuant to a request from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a statement by H.R.H. Prince Saud Al Faisal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Representative of Israel.

The Security Council was addressed by H.E. Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France; H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America; H.E. Dr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Karel De Gucht, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. David Miliband, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Gordan Jandroković, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Alexander Yakovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Giadalla A. Ettalhi, Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam; Mr. Li Kexin, representative of China; H.E. Mr. Ricardo Arias, Permanent Representative of Panama; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

11th plenary meeting

Address by His Excellency Mr. Filip Vujanović, President of Montenegro

H.E. Mr. Filip Vujanović, President of Montenegro, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. René Garcia Préval, President of the Republic of Haiti

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Kalkot Matas Kelekele, President of the Republic of Vanuatu

H.E. Mr. Kalkot Matas Kelekele, President of the Republic of Vanuatu, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Gabriel Ntisezerana, Second Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Honourable Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Right Honourable Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda", Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Honourable Orette Bruce Golding, Prime Minister of Jamaica.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Lyonchoen Jigmi Yoezer Thinley, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Sergei Stanishev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Honourable Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Right Honourable Hubert Alexander Ingraham, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority, made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Ursula Plassnik, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria; and H.E. Mr. Samuel Santos López, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua.

12th plenary meeting

The summary of the 12th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/190).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event *will continue* on Monday, 29 September; and Wednesday, 1 October 2008.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the

sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

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